

REMARKS:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on March 18, 2009 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. This office action is a rejection of claims 1-19 of the application.

More specifically, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Puhl (US6,223,291). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 1, 7, and 13-14 have been amended for clarification. Claim 13 has been amended to remove an additional comma. Support for the amendments can be found at least in paragraphs [0015]-[0016] of the published application. No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 7, and 13-14 of the application have been amended for further clarification related to a user profile being associated with at least one usage context. The Applicant notes that in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the invention there may be several different user profiles in an apparatus from which a particular user profile can be selected at any one time. Further, according to the exemplary embodiments, there is performed an authentication of a user which utilizes the selected user profile.

The Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from the reference Puhl. This is seen to be the case for at least the reason that Puhl relates to method of verifying a license certificate of a particular device before the device can access a particular content on the device (e.g., be allowed to run a software application). The Applicant submits that Puhl can not be seen to disclose or suggest at least where claim 1 relates to a user profile of a user being associated with at least one usage context of a device.

Puhl discloses:

“A License Certificate contains information that ties a wireless device 11 with certain access rights. [...] A device will be able to run the specified software

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product if its internal serial number, embedded in the device, matches the License Certificate's serial number,” (col. 4, lines 10-18).

As stated above, the license certificate in Puhl is matched to an internal serial number embedded in a device in order to determine if the device will be able to run a specified software product. Thus, it can be seen that the license certificate in Puhl is application specific and is tied to a device on which the application is to be run. Further, it is noted that Puhl discloses that License Certificates can be stored in the device while it is still in the factory or even before it is, presumably, shipped to a user (col. 4, line 66 to col. 5 line 2). Thus, as similarly stated above, it can be seen that these certificates are granted to particular devices for running specific applications and as such they are not seen to be specific to a user profile of a user.

The Applicant submits that, for at least the reasons already stated, the licensing certificate of Puhl can not to be seen to relate to a user profile of a user being associated with at least one usage context of a device, as in claim 1. Rather, the Applicant submits that these license certificates of Puhl are associated with a particular device and are used to determine whether the device is authorized to access content and/or run a specified software application on the device.

Further, the Applicant notes that claim 1 recites in part “performing authentication of the user of the electronic device in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.” The Applicant submits that at least this element of claim 1 makes it evident that claim 1 relates to authenticating a user of a device in a selected usage context, and does not relate to determining whether software installed in a device is authorized to be run by the device, as stated above in Puhl.

The Applicant contends that, for at least the reasons stated above, Puhl can not be seen to disclose or suggest at least where claim 1 recites in part:

“maintaining a centralized register of usage contexts and pre-stored user profiles of a user in an electronic device, where each user profile of the user is being associated with at least one usage context, entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage

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context, identifying said entering, selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and **performing authentication of the user** of the electronic device in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.”

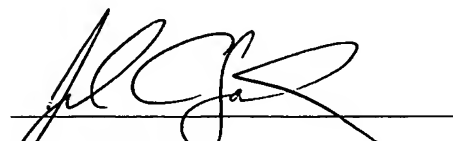
Thus, for at least these reasons, the rejection of claim 1 is seen to be improper and the rejection should be removed.

Further, the Applicant submits that for at least the reason that independent claims 7, 13, and 14 recite features similar to claim 1, as stated above, the rejections of these claims should be removed.

In addition, for at least the reasons that claims 2-6, 8-12, and 15-19 depend from claims 1, 7, and 13, respectively, the reference cited is not seen to disclose or suggest these claims. Thus, the rejections of these claims should be removed.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-19 now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted:

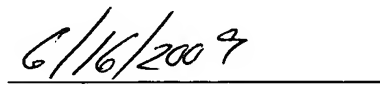

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